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1. EPA SW-846:

Update II to the Third Edition of SW-846 (60 FR 3089) adds 31 new methods and revises 30 others. Two methods proposed in the initial rule are not being promulgated, since further evaluation showed they provided poor results. Update II is the first comprehensive review approved since the agency revamped its regulatory process. The new guidelines eliminate unnecessary steps in the internal review process which had previously added up to months of delays. With Update II completed, the next revision, detailing between 90 and 100 new and revised testing methods, is now set for the spring of 1995.

Tables from this article are attached.

2. To obtain copies of SW-846 Update II:

GPO Document # 955-001-00000-1
Cost: \$319.00
U.S. Printing Office (202) 512-1800
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3. To request information on SW-846 Update III when it is released:

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- o Proposed Third Update of SW-846 Third Edition: No. 901951001, p. 1-6, \$15 (subs) \$20 (nons). Environmental Laboratory Washington Report

4. Solvents:

The EPA has issued testing consent orders for 7 of 10 widely used solvents under an agreement with chemical firms that have agreed to perform neurotoxicity tests on the chemicals. Under a consent agreement with the EPA, companies agreed to conduct neurotoxicity testing with acetone, n-amyl acetate, n-butyl acetate, ethyl acetate, isobutyl alcohol, methyl isobutyl ketone, and tetrahydrofuran. The agency proposed testing requirements for all seven substances in 1991 and the companies challenged the rule. As part of the settlement, EPA modified the testing program standards and reporting requirements. For more information contact Susan Hazen at (202) 554-1404

5. If you have any questions regarding the Updates, or if you have any technical questions that need clarification, please call or send [e-mail](#) to Prabha Acharya, Program Manager, Technical Resources and Training at the Laboratory Licensure. A [table of contents](#) to all the Information Updates published is also available.

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